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SUBJECT: ATTACKS IN PUNTLAND AND SOMALILAND

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1. Earlier today, in seemingly coordinated attacks, bombs exploded at public and foreign facilities in Bosaaso, Puntland and Hargeysa, Somaliland. In Bosaaso, two Puntland Intelligence Service (PIS) facilities were hit. In Hargeysa, the Ethiopian mission, the UNDP office and the Somaliland Presidential compound were hit. The bombings appear to have been caused by vehicle-borne devices. At this time, we are not aware that any group has claimed responsibility for the attacks. No AMCIT casualties have been reported. Ethiopian President Meles confirmed to A/S Frazer in Nairobi (both are here for the IGAD conference on Somalia) that three Ethiopian officials at their mission in Hargeysa were killed. Media reports indicate that some 22 have died and another 50 or so were wounded in Hargeysa; we understand the French military are medivac-ing some of the wounded to Djibouti. In Bosaaso, we can confirm 2 PIS officials dead and 7 wounded.
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